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PETITION TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed claim
for priority under 35 C.F.R. § 120 from the following patent applications:

United States Patent Application No. 09/255,371, filed February 22, 1999, now

United States Patent 6,355,854; and

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United States Patent Application No. 09/255,384, filed February 22, 1999, now United States Patent 6,436,871.

The priority information provided in the Application Data Sheet unintentionally omitted a reference to the above patent applications. However, that reference was included in the Declaration submitted at the same time as the Application Data Sheet. Applicant submits this paper and the accompanying amendment to clarify the claim for priority.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of \$1,370.00, in payment of the surcharge specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). Applicant also submits herewith an Amendment and Reply to Office Action in which the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) is made.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee due, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this Petition, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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